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And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity,
and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be
removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see
thy teachers. — *Isaiah*

TRUE FOLLOWERS

Whenever we hear the quote from Mrs. Eddy, “Follow your Leader, only so far as she follows Christ;” it is well to recall her further statement: “There is great joy in this consciousness, that throughout my labors as connected with the Cause of Christian Science, it can be proven that I have never given occasion for a single censure, when my motives and acts are understood and seen as my Father seeth them.” (*Mis.* 278)

As we truly *follow* our Leader, we see the import of her words: “I will follow and rejoice All the rugged way.”

OUR COVER design is a partial reproduction of the *Sentinel* cover as Mrs. Eddy left it. Following the appearance of Longfellow’s poem in the July 28, 1906 issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel*, the lady with the lamp appeared on the *Sentinel* cover for the first time (September 1, 1906), and the last lines were incorporated into the cover design. Our first cover (Vol. I, No. 1) was a partial reproduction of that original “lady with a lamp” cover. But Mrs. Eddy was not satisfied with that first design and made several important changes. In the December 22, 1906 issue she replaced the original lady with a more mature type of womanhood and also simplified the lady’s gown. The original lady’s eyes were closed, but Mrs. Eddy *opened her eyes* on the revised cover. Lastly, she placed a foundation under all, for that had been lacking before. Apparently satisfied, Mrs. Eddy made no further changes prior to leaving us.

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"WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL - WATCH" JESUS

A . I . D . S .

By Gail M. Weatherbe

An acquired syndrome of immune deficiency must have an explanation. How could immune deficiency be acquired? The inference is that it has happened slowly over a period of time, that is, has been acquired or learned, and that it has been almost unnoticeable. Surely, had it been noticed, something would have been done about it. Or would it?

"A WONDERFUL AND HORRIBLE THING IS
COMMITTED IN THE LAND..."

"A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jeremiah 5:30,31)

The phenomenon of A.I.D.S. is scarcely ten years old, but the syndrome of acquired immune deficiency can be traced back to a far earlier period. Anyone who has received his college training in the past forty years can testify to the gradually increasing

influence of godless humanism at the very core or base of his academic training. Slowly but inexorably over the past one hundred years or more, immune deficiency to that godless humanism has found inception, has been developed, has increased, and is even now gathering momentum. The secular philosophy of the prophets of humanism of the last century— Freud, Comte, Darwin and Marx— has been borrowing its way into the academic platform until at this present hour it is accepted as the norm for the philosophical base of all advanced, and not so advanced, academic training. This humanistic philosophy has become the basic "ground rule" for all secular learning.

THE IMMUNIZING AGENT...TO GODLESS HUMANISM IS THE MOSAIC DECALOGUE...

You ask, why has this occurred? The answer is that the immunizing agent that upholds and sustains one's natural immunity to godless humanism, is the Mosaic Decalogue or the Ten Commandments, and that the influence in our society of this Mosaic Decalogue has been gradually eroded during the past one hundred years or so by the teachings of these very above-named prophets of secular, or godless humanism.

As the price for the Exodus from Egypt, God gave us, approximately three and a half millennia ago, the Ten Commandments, or the moral law for all human knowledge and behavior.

Two millennia ago, God gave us the Sermon on the Mount, or the teachings of Christ Jesus, as the price or the way of sustaining that liberating exodus from Egyptian darkness, from the sensuality of the "fleshpots of Egypt." Jesus taught as much as we could bear of the great spiritual truths of the Holy Scriptures, and promised that the Comforter would come, and that the Comforter would teach us all things and bring to remembrance all things whatsoever he had said. (John 14:26)

And now, during these Latter Days, these End Times, at the advent of the Millennium of Biblical prophecy, the promised Comforter is here. The Teachings of the Holy Comforter are in our midst. Even as Freud, Comte, Darwin and Marx were conceiving and spreading their godless humanistic philosophy, the Teachings of the Holy Comforter were borne into the waiting and prepared consciousness of the one whom God had chosen to give them form and present them to a waiting age. And these teachings are the reaffirmation of the great truths of Jesus' Christianity,— the truths of the Holy Bible,— and are known to us today as Christian Science,— Mary Baker Eddy's Christian Science,— as set forth in her textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.

THESE TEACHINGS...ARE THE PERFECT
ANTIDOTE FOR THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DE-
FICIENCY...

These Teachings of the Holy Comforter, of Christ's divine Science, or Mary Baker Eddy's Christian Science, are the perfect antidote for the acquired immune deficiency, or demonstrated inability of the human mind to withstand the onslaughts of secular humanism, humanistic philosophy or psychology, or empirical science, call it whatever you will. It is the many-faceted antagonistic onslaught of the human mind against God's anointed, or God's Two Witnesses, Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, and their teachings, known as Christianity and Christian Science.

In 1875 Mary Baker Eddy said: "The age will at length require demonstration, in place of doctrine and belief, and the Christian will at length preach only what he practices. As mortal man, and the mist of knowledge enveloping man in darkness disappear, the first appeal will be to reason or philosophy, to plant our next footstep, before we understand the higher and spiritual resources of being; but when

this period arrives, and before former things have passed away, the reaction of mind will be fearful. Theology, (I say this not with reference to Christianity,) and materia medica have failed to demonstrate what Jesus taught and demonstrated, and why we have not followed his precepts and example is not so much from lack of desire, or willful disobedience, as lack of understanding." (Science and Health, First Edition, 188-189)

Thus even at the time of her early discovery of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy foresaw the gradual but inevitable corruption of theological and organized religion, and its eventual replacement in general human thought by secular humanistic theories and values. This has proved to be true, and secular humanistic theories dominate general human theoretical and practical thought and life. It has been accomplished. And now, what was formerly term-

WHAT WAS FORMERLY TERMED "THE CHRISTIAN WORLD" STANDS AT THE CROSSROADS.

ed "the Christian world," stands at the crossroads, or to use the Bible phrase, "in the valley of decision." (Joel 3:14) At this hour of the approach of the Millennium of Biblical prophecy, which shall it be,— The Bible, with its Ten Commandments and Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, and the promised Teachings of the Holy Comforter contained in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy? Or will it be the teachings of the social theorists: Freud, Comte, Darwin and Marx? Which will it be,— God, with accompanying peace and health, or secular humanism, with despair, hopelessness, and helplessness before the syndrome of acquired immune deficiency following in its wake?

We who love Christian Science must promulgate these teachings before the world; we must live these truths in the very fabric and core of our being; and we must demonstrate before all mankind their practicality and spiritual power in healing all manner of

sin, sickness, disease and death. It all rests on us. The acquired immune deficiency of the world needs the remedy or antidote that only we can provide,— Christ's divine Science.

THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY OF THE
WORLD NEEDS THE REMEDY ... ONLY WE CAN
PROVIDE.

We who love Christian Science must live, love, adhere to, and embrace the following promise of our great Leader, Mary Baker Eddy: "Millions of unprejudiced minds— simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert— are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences. What if the old dragon should send forth a new flood to drown the Christ-idea? He can neither drown your voice with its roar, nor again sink the world into the deep waters of chaos and old night. In this age the earth will help the woman; the spiritual idea will be understood. Those ready for the blessing you impart will give thanks. The waters will be pacified, and Christ will command the wave." (Science and Health, 570)

And the following Bible promise: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn away from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14)



Is there anything in the world of more importance than holding up the hands of the Way-shower? No. If they had all done that with Jesus, we would be in the millennium.

Mary Baker Eddy

A FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH

(Extracted from "The Word Made Flesh")

By Martha W. Wilcox, C.S.B.

How often we finish our mental work, close the book, only to return immediately to our inharmonies. Why is this? This is because of the mental separation, a sense separation, between what we understand we are actually and what we are concretely or humanly. We do not really believe that what we are humanly is our actuality because of our misconception of ourselves.

Of course there is no separation. What we are humanly *is the actual*— still seen as humanity. Mrs. Eddy says, "The Christianly scientific real is the sensuous unreal." (S. & H. 353) And if we fully understand this we would believe that what is at hand the actual and its concrete manifestation *as a unit*— would have the power in and of itself of better expression and demonstration.

THE BELIEF THAT DIVINITY...IS ONE
THING AND HUMANITY ANOTHER...RESULTS
IN A WRONG STARTING POINT.

It is because we separate our humanity from our divinity that we are unable to practice our divinity. The false belief that divinity, actuality, is one thing and that concrete humanity is entirely another thing results in a wrong starting point in our practice. This wrong starting point separates one from divinity; it separates one from the very thing that does the practising; it separates one from the very thing that is the concrete demonstration. The science of our perfect being is of practical value only as we are expressing increased concrete health, wealth, and longevity. The science of our divinity

should be practical in overcoming worry and ignorance, sin, sickness and death.

Someone may ask, "What is the way, or what is the method of bringing the actual into concrete demonstration?" ...We know that Jesus was the exemplified way and he set out the way or process for us all. He set it out in this imperative command: "Ye must

REBIRTH IS THE DISCOVERY THAT YOU ARE A PERFECT BEING, IMMORTAL NOW.

be born again." Rebirth is the discovery that you are a perfect being, immortal now; and that divinity is in practice or conscious operation as humanity.

I believe there is not one student in a hundred who does not insist that the mind he now has is mortal mind. The student may have been declaring for twenty years, "God is my mind," but nevertheless he still believes that the mind he now has is mortal mind. ...And because the student believes that the mind he now has is mortal mind, he thinks he must get rid of it through treatment. And if he starts getting rid of the mind he now is, he isn't starting to fulfill the mind he now is.

THE STUDENT...BELIEVES THAT THE MIND HE NOW HAS IS MORTAL...

There is only one Mind, so the Mind you now have is God, the only Mind. It is true that you may need to subordinate your fleshly perceptions about it, but nevertheless the Mind that is here now is the only Mind. And no matter what the state or stage of expression, this human mind is not to be destroyed through treatment, but rather through treatment or prayer this human mind is to be fulfilled in righteousness. And, again, there is not one student in one hundred who does not insist that the body he now has is material and mortal and that it must be dis-

posed of or changed through treatment. But the only Soul and body there is, is God, and God is the Mind and body to each one of us.

I want to present a fundamental truth. ...This fundamental truth is: ALL THINGS ARE MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL. It is a wonderful thing to understand that all things are necessarily mental, formations of the one conscious Mind, and that all things are just as necessarily spiritual because of the character of Mind. I well remember when for the first time I understood that all things of which I am conscious is thought and never external to or separate from what I call my mind, that what I call my mind is not always seeing things as they actually are.

Once when at Mrs. Eddy's one of her beautiful horses was in a serious claim. This was reported to her and in substance she said: "What the horse is to you, is not actually the way that idea is."

MRS. EDDY SHOWED US THAT THE SO-
CALLED HUMAN MIND HELD WITHIN ITSELF
ITS OWN SELF-MADE CONCEPT...

Mrs. Eddy showed us that the so-called human mind held within itself its own self-made concept of horse and attached to its concept horse, its own qualities of being sick or well. And she also showed us that this one so-called mortal mind gives to each one of us its one and the same concept horse.

She then showed us that this beautiful horse, which we all so much admired, was wholly within the realm of consciousness as image or idea. She showed us that the divine Mind was the substance and character of every particular idea; and that the divine Mind was all there was to what the human mind called horse.

She showed us that we did not need to heal a horse but we did need to restore our vision from that which was untrue to that which was true in the realm of consciousness.

The work was not to be done on the horse— the only horse there was was already perfect. And she showed us that the true idea horse was the one and the same horse in each individual consciousness.

We thoroughly understood that the horse which we saw as material and sick was to be seen as it is. We are not to change a sick horse into a well horse, but we were to change our thought from belief to Truth. And we also thoroughly understood that the divine Mind was the I or Ego present that we were calling the personal I, and this divine Mind, present, was conscious of and was seeing its own contents or ideas or horse.

The horse did not need healing. Mrs. Eddy only restored our vision to the Truth or fact that *the ONLY MIND PRESENT WAS aware of its own perfection. And with the restoration of our vision from that of belief to Truth, the horse appeared to us as it always had been.*

This was my first clear apprehension of the fact that what I called "my mind" or the "personal I" as seeing certain things, was "THE ONE I OR EGO" present as self-conscious Being. That what I called my mind only typified the Mind that was actually here.

A CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH EFFECTS.

This was my first clear apprehension of the fact that a Christian Scientist has nothing to do with effects. If a Christian Scientist has the divine Mind present as the only Mind, this Mind, Itself, sees and is aware of its own identity or effects.

I understood for the first time that if I allowed the so-called human mind to have place, then the human mind would see and know its own imperfect concept— a sick horse needing healing. I understood the necessity of maintaining the fact of the one divine Mind.

When humanity attains the true concept of its divinity, the mental and the spiritual will be harmon-

ized and Truth will reign supreme and heaven will be viewed as here on earth.

Jesus while in human form established to sense and to sight the truth which he presented. He set before the world the proof that there is no power and no presence whatsoever in sin, sickness, death, bondage, and limitation.

This is the exalted vision, but without it we perish. You are ready for it. You will find it on every page of your books. It is a vision higher than that of improved belief, or of a conviction or faith. It is understanding. You are ready for it; I am ready for it. It is a vision of understand or true knowledge. And with this vision the Word will become flesh. Let this glorious Science of celes-

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TIAL BEING...BE BROUGHT OUT INTO DAILY
LIVING.

tial being which we are envisioning and studying be brought out into daily living.

Then the race will be elevated; the earth will be blessed; and the demonstration and proof of heaven, *here at hand*, will be seen in the healing of the sick, the raising of the dead, and in our restoration to paradise.



Knowing the one and only Mind to be our Mind and the Mind of all men, what we say or think today will be beneficial to all mankind. What we do, say, or think today will do something for the world and will keep on doing it, for the Truth we state both in relation to God and man is continuous.

— Selected

HISTORY

"I cannot advise you regarding a Christian Science practitioner, but I most earnestly request that you select one who knows Christian Science history."

Mary Baker Eddy

LET NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN

Rev. 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ...

3 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. ...

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world. ...

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down...

12 Therefore rejoice ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. ...

Mrs. Eddy brought forth her child, Science and Health, into a hostile world in 1875 against unbe-

lievable resistance. And malicious mind "was wroth with the woman," and did all in its power to drown her voice. But she persevered despite unceasing persecution, and before the end of the century the persecution was turning to popularity, at least on the surface.

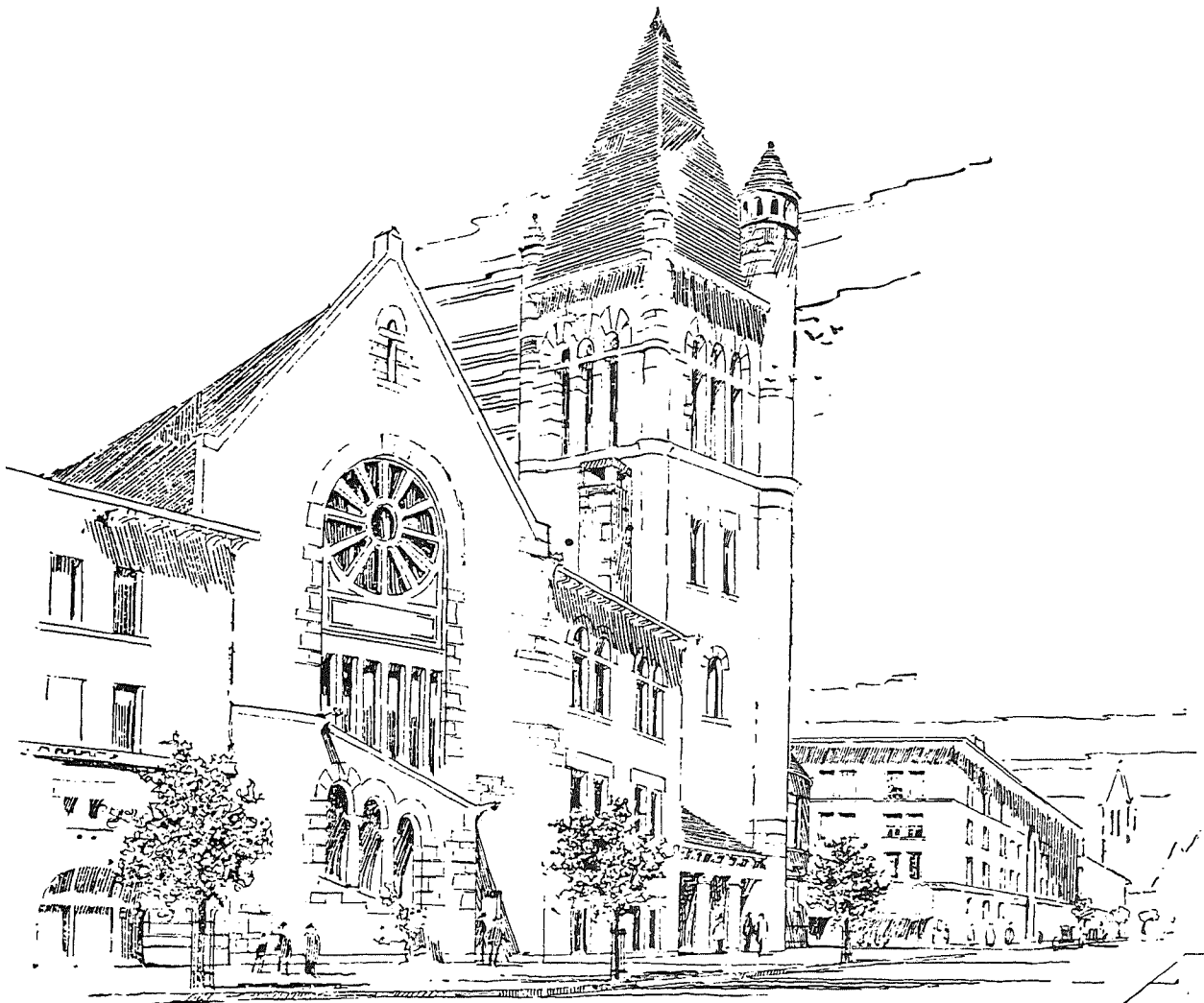
THE POPULAR PHASE BEGAN WITH THE DEDICATION OF THE ORIGINAL MOTHER CHURCH EDIFICE IN 1895.

The popular phase began with the dedication of the original Mother Church edifice in 1895, which was the crowning point of more than a year of intensive labor. This herculean accomplishment was followed by the appearance of the *Manual* in 1895 and of *Miscellaneous Writings* early in 1897 after all of 1896 was devoted to its publication. All of these were monumental steps.

To the 19th century Christian Scientists 1897 was a year of great rejoicing. Thousands of joyful, appreciative letters poured into the publishing office and to Pleasant View. The Leader's every step still met with harassment, but the persecutions were more subtle and the students did not see them. So the Mother reached down to the level of her children and shared in their rejoicing.

THE MOTHER REACHED DOWN TO...HER CHILD- REN AND SHARED IN THEIR REJOICING.

There was cause for rejoicing in the summer of 1897, for July 4 would mark the twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the first Christian Scientist Association on earth in Lynn in 1876. Whether this was her reason or not, Mrs. Eddy invited her "Beloved Church...one and all, to Pleasant View, Concord, New Hampshire, on July 5" (Independence Day



•VIEW FROM THE SOUTH•

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, IN BOSTON.

THE ORIGINAL MOTHER CHURCH

From Volume XII of the *Christian Science Journal*,
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fell on Sunday in 1897 and was celebrated on Monday, July 5).

That Monday afternoon saw close to 3,000 people gathered on the lawns at Pleasant View, and the next issue of the Christian Science Journal stated:

A MEMORABLE FOURTH OF JULY, INDEED,
WILL BE THAT OF ANNO DOMINI, 1897.

A memorable Fourth of July, indeed, will be that of Anno Domini, 1897, in the annals of Christian Science. We deem it not boastful to say that never was assembled in celebration of any nation's natal day a more devout or thankful set of people than those who gathered in "concord" at Concord on July 5th last.

Among the Scientists who had "come all the way from the Pacific to the Atlantic shore," was one woman who had traveled from Kansas City with her two children. The mother stood in line with her children to greet the Leader and wrote of that day:

"I wish I could make the world know what I saw when Mrs. Eddy looked at those children. It was a revelation to me. I saw for the first time the real Mother-Love...

"As I turned in the procession and walked toward the line of trees in the front of the yard, there was a bird sitting on the limb of a tree, and I saw the same love, poured out on that bird that I had seen flow from Mrs. Eddy to my children. I looked down at the grass and the flowers and there was the same love resting on them. ...This love was everywhere, like the light, but it was divine, not mere human affection.

"I looked at the people milling around on the lawn and I saw it poured out on them. ...It was not only everywhere present...but it was an intelligent presence that spoke to me, and I found myself weeping as I walked back and forth under the trees and saying

out loud, 'Why did I never know you before? Why have I not known you always?'"

Perhaps this mother was one of the society of Kansas City students visiting Pleasant View that day who elected to express their gratitude with a gift for Mother. The gift they selected was a crown containing 46 pearls and 12 diamonds.

THE GIFT THEY SELECTED WAS A CROWN
CONTAINING 46 PEARLS AND 12 DIAMONDS.

The press knew nothing about this royal gift until a telegram came to these Kansas City students from Mrs. Eddy which said: "Your superb gift arrived safely. Will write."

The story of the crown was published in the *Kansas City Star* of October 12, 1897 together with the letter the donors received from their Leader which was as follows:

"Your regal gift from loyal hearts was indeed a surprise. Its worth and artistic beauty I cannot duly name, but both are deeply appreciated. Your letters coupled with the gift, seal its inestimable value.

"I cannot say how much I thank you. My feelings are too deep for expression. I only pray to reach the crown of divine Love, and to be worthy of your crown so emblematical of your love. For this fitness I shall continue to strive; since to be worthy of your heart's intent and be your 'queen' in meekness and love, that I may better serve you, is my whole desire.

"To the dear members of the Western Students' Christian Scientists' Association I beg to say, 'Thank you deeply for the confidence and love where-with you honor me.'

"May each day unfold to each of you the manifold treasures of Christian Science, and may you become the rich partakers thereof. Remember that the power to heal is gained through peace, wisdom, love, domin-

ion over ourselves, and good will toward men. You possess these graces of Spirit, or Christ power, only by loving God, good, supremely. After this cometh the recognition of but one Mind, which enables you to know there is no power or presence that can resist good or can prevent your prayers being effectual. While you remain in this attitude of mind you are obedient to the Principle of your being, and naught can hinder your healing the sick and the sinner. With love, Mother, Mary Baker Eddy"

When the Scientists gave this letter to the Kansas City newsmen, they also explained their gift in this way:

"On July 5 last a party of Scientists from this city went to Concord, New Hampshire, to see Mrs. Eddy. When we returned to Kansas City we wished to show our love and veneration for the founder of our religion and we sent her the crown, which was selected because a crown appears as an imprint on all Mrs. Eddy's publications.

"Mrs. Eddy fulfills the prophecies of the Scriptures. The crown sent her contained twelve stars, referred to in Revelation 12:1..."

THESE STUDENTS KNEW THAT MRS. EDDY
WAS THE WOMAN OF PROPHECY WITH A CROWN
OF TWELVE STARS UPON HER HEAD.

These students *knew* that Mrs. Eddy was the Woman of prophecy with a crown of twelve stars upon her head, and Mrs. Eddy's appreciation of this understanding was too deep for words. No one knew the Woman's identity better than did Mrs. Eddy herself, else she would not have allowed this photograph to be taken, clearly showing her with a crown upon her head. She also knew that her church was the church in Philadelphia before which had been set "an open door and no man can shut it." The further message to the angel of the church in Philadelphia is: "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."



MARY BAKER EDDY

Wearing A Crown

*"Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man
take thy crown." Revelation 3:11*

" P R A C T I C A L O P E R A T I V E
C H R I S T I A N S C I E N C E "

Mary Baker Eddy

FIRE

In much of California practically no rain is expected from May to October which is the case in our area in the central Sierra Nevada Mountains. By late summer the fire potential is considered extremely hazardous during hot spells.

That was the situation the last Sunday in August, August 31, 1987, when a few dark clouds appeared and a few flashes of lightning.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we stopped by a neighbor's house to ask if we could get anything for her in town. Another acquaintance was visiting her, Mr. H. who lives a few miles distant.

On our way to town we were passed by a fire truck which caused us to scan the horizon. As soon as we came to a place with a view we could see what appeared to be a large forest fire in the direction of Mr. H's house. A man we met had been watching it on his scanner and said that they were evacuating homes in the area and stopping cars on the road for more manpower to help fight the fire. He thought it had subsided a little when they brought in a helicopter to drop water. We could also see two air tankers over the fire. We stopped at the first telephone to let Mr. H. know, and made some statements of Truth to one another as we drove on to town.

About an hour later on our way home we met more fire trucks and fire fighting equipment going toward the fire. When we came to a viewing area the fire looked much worse, larger and hotter. The big billowing black clouds of smoke now looked red.

We both began declaring aloud that this is God's universe, that God is the only power. As we continued our declarations of Truth we saw the black clouds in the sky all gather over the fire area totally obliterating it from view.

I recalled that Mrs. Eddy, Paul, and Moses all declared that God is a consuming fire. I knew that if God is a consuming fire that that is the true fire "purifying and elevating man;" that nothing in God's universe is ever destroyed, that a consuming fire consumes only the tares, never the wheat. Did not the three Hebrews in the fiery furnace prove this? Their purity of consciousness left nothing to be destroyed, so the flames in the furnace heated "seven times more than it was wont to be heated" consumed only the fetters that bound them. Their fidelity enabled them to say: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace...But if not...we will not serve thy gods nor worship the golden image." And all the king's counsellors "saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them." (Daniel 3:17-19, 27)

We arrived at our neighbor's house a few minutes later just as Mr. H. called to say that the fire was over the ridge from his house and that it was raining very hard. The water was coming down in such quantities that it was pouring down his driveway. The next day another resident who has lived in the area over half a century told us that she had never before seen anything like that rain.

The next issue of the local paper stated that this had been the biggest fire this year to that date with 428 people, 27 engines, 4 air tankers, 4 bulldozers, 1 helicopter, and 6 water tenders working on it. At one point a full scale evacuation had begun, but a heavy rain slowed the fire down. Then the wind shifted and in 15 minutes the evacuation was cancelled. There were no structures lost and no injuries.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR — We welcome letters from our subscribers who would like to share their experiences of practical operative Christian Science.

HEALING

Healing is the best sermon, healing is the best lecture, and the entire demonstration of C.S. The sinner and the sick healed are our best witnesses.-*Mary Baker Eddy*

A real scientific *Healer* is the highest position attainable in this sphere of being. Its altitude is far above a Teacher or preacher; it includes all that is divinely high and holy.-*Mary Baker Eddy*

The following testimonies of healing appeared in early issues of the *Christian Science Journal* or the *Christian Science Sentinel*.

SHE NEVER FELL

On the morning of the dedication of the Chicago church, November 14, 1897, I was in my bedroom in the third story of our house (the house is three stories and basement). I was getting ready to go to the morning service, and my little daughter, five years old, was playing about, when suddenly I felt a silence. I instantly noticed that the child was no longer there and that the window was open.

I looked out and saw her unconscious form on the ground below, her head on the cement sidewalk. Instantly I thought "All is Love."

As I went down-stairs the entire paragraph in *No*

and Yes, p. 19, beginning, "Eternal harmony, perpetuity, and perfection constitute the phenomena of Being," came to me and took up its abode with me, and with it the clear sense of the great gulf fixed between the child and the lie that claimed to destroy. The child was brought in, and as she was carried upstairs she cried. As she was laid down the blood was spurting from her mouth and had already covered her neck and shoulders. I instantly said, "There is one law— God's law— under which man remains perfect," and the bleeding immediately stopped.

The child seemed to relapse into unconsciousness, but I declared, "Mind is ever present and controls its idea,; and in a few moments she slept naturally. During the morning she seemed to suffer greatly if she was moved at all, and her legs seemed paralyzed—lifeless. In the afternoon all sense of pain left, she slept quietly, and I went to the afternoon service, rejoicing greatly in my freedom from the sense of personal responsibility.

When I returned she sat in my lap to eat some supper, with no sense of pain, but still unable to control her limbs, which presented the appearance of entire inaction.

At eight o'clock she was undressed without inconvenience, and there was no mark on her body but a bruised eye. During the day she had not spoken of herself. At eleven o'clock when I went upstairs, I found her wide awake and she said, "Mama, error is trying to say that I fell out of the window, but that cannot be. The child of God can't fall; but why do I lie here? Why can't I move my legs?"

The answer was: "You can move them. Mind governs, and you are always perfect." In a moment she said, "I will get up and walk." It seemed to require one or two trials to induce her legs to obey, but she rose, walked across the room and back, climbed into bed, stretched her legs out and said, "I knew error could not talk!"

She then sat up, ate a lunch, fell into a natural slumber, and woke bright and happy in the morning.

For two days there was an uncertainty of movement, a seeming inability to walk in a straight line, but

she moved about constantly, frequently rebuking the error aloud and declaring, "Love helps me walk."

On Wednesday, harmony was established. Some weeks after, her little sister said to her: "You did fall out of the window, didn't you?" But the reply was, "My body fell, but I am not in my body. Can God's child fall?"

And the little three-year-old answered: "No, because God is Good." — C.E.M.



CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE

Christian Scientists practise Christian Science. This is true of Christian Scientists who are engaged in other professions and business occupations as well as those practising Christian Science exclusively. ...a treatment, no matter what its nature, brings about a change of consciousness that makes us better Christian Scientists.

We as students have entered the path and our growth demands not mere argument, wherein Truth and error seem to be forever contending, but requires of us a willingness to work and endeavor to achieve, and a consequent ability to deal with and to heal every form of evil, not from a standpoint of the seeming evil, but from the standpoint of the omnipotence of God— Good.

To maintain thought that is merely like divine Being is not sufficient, but thought that is actuality and law, and the presence of divine Being, is demanded of every Christian Science worker. This is what Mrs. Eddy calls "practical, operative Christian Science." (Mis. 207:5)

Martha W. Wilcox, C.S.B.

CRITICISM: FAULT-FINDING

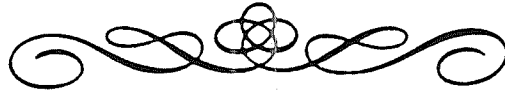
By Dr. Francis J. Fluno

It will shut you out from heaven, it will darken all your skies, it will keep you from demonstrating for yourself or others; it will bar from progress, it leads into all discord— into unkindness, unfriendliness, impatience, hard-heartedness, and finally into all evil, hatred, hatefulness and envy. Just so long as the spirit of criticism remains in your thought, just so long will you not be able to find your way in Truth; you will be looking for faults constantly. You will be finding fault on a mortal plane.

You will criticize everything and everybody. You will criticize people in every way; the clothes they wear, the way they walk, the way they talk, the way they read, the way they pronounce words, the way they sing, and everything they do in every possible way. And that is all you will be doing, if the spirit of criticism is abroad in your hearts. Then, bye and bye, you will want to know why you cannot demonstrate Truth as you would like to do. It is because you are finding fault with what people do and say. You are not looking for Truth; you are studying faults, looking for faults.

Criticism is the worst thing that can get into a community or a church, the worst thing that can get into your thoughts. It is one of the keys to perdition. It leads there. It leads into everything but love for your neighbors and friends. Anyone can criticize. I never saw so great an idiot, if he could talk at all, that could not find fault with others. I never saw a man so drunk that he could not find fault. Anyone can do it! Just as soon as you let this *habit* enter your thought, and leave it there, it will grow until you will think you are an elected critic, and that it is your mission in life. Criticism is an awful thing! It never does anything good. It is all on the mortal plane. You are not helping others; you are not helping yourself. It does not

belong to Christian Science, for there is nothing Christian about it. You are students of Christian Science. You are not students of the idiosyncracies of mortals.



THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Some fine articles have appeared in this 200th anniversary year of the drafting of our Constitution. Perhaps this document means more to Christian Scientists than to any other Americans, for they know that Christian Science could not have been brought forth in this world until God had prepared a place for the Woman. There was not a nation on earth that would have protected the Woman and her child (discovery), until the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights to the Constitution was established, viz.: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;..."

The serpent pursued and persecuted Mrs. Eddy all the years of her sojourn among mortals, but "to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place... And the earth helped the woman." (Rev.)

There is little doubt that the great eagle that helped the woman, and the place on earth that nourished her "from the face of the serpent" is the United States of America.

Mrs. Eddy knew this, and she also was familiar with the words and deeds of the founders of our republic. We rejoice to see some of these historic events being brought to light together with statements that founded our great republic (not democracy; one of our founding fathers said that democracies are as short in their lives as they are violent in their deaths).

One statement of great import was made by the president of the convention, George Washington. His calm answer to cautious delegates who feared the new

Constitution would not please the people was: "If to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. The event is in the hand of God."

Thomas Jefferson was not at the convention in Philadelphia in 1787 as he was American minister to France. But he was furious when he heard in Paris that the delegates had failed to include a bill of rights in the Constitution and wrote to James Madison: "A bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular, and what no just government should refuse, or rest on inference."

The disagreements at the beginning of the convention were so great that many despaired of accomplishing anything at all; and not much was accomplished for quite some time. Then one day the elderly statesman Benjamin Franklin arose and addressed the president: "Mr. Washington, I have lived for a long time and the longer I live the more convincing proof I see of this truth that God governs in the affairs of men, and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can arise without His aid? 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall proceed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel, and therefore beg leave to move that hereafter prayers be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business."

That was the first motion that received unanimous approval, and from that time forward our founding fathers made progress in the framing and eventual signing of our Constitution.

"Religious liberty and individual rights under the Constitution of our nation are rapidly advancing, avowing and consolidating the genius of Christian Science."

Mary Baker Eddy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mrs. Eddy had a great love for her country, her family, and her community. She was especially patriotic to her country. She had a great love and concern for them. She stated, "never to trespass mentally on individual rights and never to take away the rights, but only the wrongs of mankind." (*No and Yes* 40:14) She also said, "I believe strictly in the Monroe Doctrine, in our Constitution and in the laws of God." (*My*. 282:3)

It would be well for earnest students of Christian Science to make a study of all Mrs. Eddy's words concerning our Constitution, Bill of Rights, government, justice, individual rights, liberty, freedom. Our enthusiastic prayers for our country are actively needed today.

Dona Bentley
Pineville, North Carolina

WOMEN'S LIBERATION

When John J. Ingalls made the statement that women establish no faith and write no creeds, Susan B. Anthony responded: "What of Mrs. Eddy? No man ever obtained so large a following in so short a time. Her churches are among the largest and most elegant in Boston, Chicago, and other cities. But it is only during the last half century that woman has been permitted by man even to offer a prayer aloud in public."

Christian Science Sentinel
December 14, 1899

EDITOR'S CORNER

Our February, 1987 issue seemed to have special appeal. Many wrote letters or notes of appreciation, for which we thank you. An exceptionally busy schedule has prevented our responding. But we should like to say that one and all were enjoyed and appreciated.

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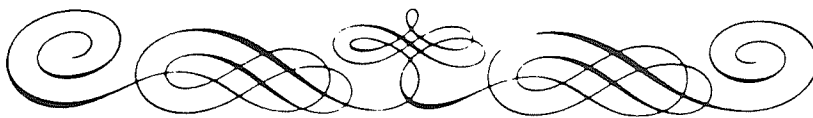
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THE SOCIETY OF GOOD BOOKS

By John Ruskin

We cannot know whom we would; and those whom we know, we cannot have at our side when we most need them. Yet there is a society continually open to us, of people who will talk to us as long as we like;— talk to us in the best words they can choose, and of the things nearest their hearts. And this society, because it is so numerous and so gentle, and can be kept waiting round us all day long,— kings and statesmen lingering patiently, not to grant audience, but to gain it! — in those plainly furnished and narrow anterooms, our bookcase shelves,— we make no account of that company,— perhaps never listen to a word they would say, all day long!

Suppose you could be put behind a screen, would you not be glad to listen to their words, though you were forbidden to advance beyond the screen? And when the screen is only a little less, folded in two instead of four, and you can be hidden behind the cover of the two boards that bind a book, and listen all day long, not to the casual talk, but to the studied, determined, chosen addresses of the wisest of men;— this station of audience, and honorable privy council, you despise!

This eternal court is always open to you, with its society wide as the world, multitudinous as its days, the chosen, and the mighty, of every place and time. Into that you may enter always; in that you may take fellowship and rank according to your wish; from that, once entered into it, you can never be an outcast but by your own fault.

It is open to labor and to merit, but to nothing else. No wealth will bribe, no name overawe, no artifice deceive, the guardian of those Elysian gates. In the deep sense, no vile or vulgar person ever enters there.

Do you deserve to enter? Pass. Do you ask to be the companion of nobles? Make yourself noble, and you shall be. Do you long for the conversation of

the wise? Learn to understand it, and you shall hear it. But on other terms?— no. If you will not rise to us, we cannot stoop to you.

(From "Sesame and Lilies")



THIS publication is dedicated to the advancement of the Cause of Christian Science. There is much concern among Scientists today that this cause is waning.

In 1899 Mary Baker Eddy wrote in a letter: "All the people need to love and adopt Christian Science, is a true sense of its founder. In proportion as they have found it, will our Cause advance."

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